

I strongly oppose HR 4026.

I live in a rural area far from any local broadcast radio stations. When I am in my car going and from work, I have to constantly change stations to stay in range. And none of these stations provide any meaningful weather or traffic information (just C&W or religious on the FM band and stupid talk radio on AM). We are not served by a cable operator, so I am thrilled to be able to get the information I need, even if I have to pay a monthly charge. At home, my place is located where there is minimal AM and only the same C&W and religious FM stations. Without satellite radio's services, I am forced to listen to the same old CD's. I also listen to BBC, MSNBC, CNBC, CNN, etc. while out at my barn.

In addition, it seems to me that cable and satellite TV operators provide access to "local" programming, so why are they trying to prevent satellite radio from doing the same thing. This sounds like anti-competitive behavior, as well as denying the satellite companies' rights to free speech.

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